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PROF. SWAIN'S READINGS.

Paper by Dr. F. W. Taylor Read at First of Course.

Professor Swain began his course of readings Monday afternoon in 6 Lowell with a very fine paper by Dr. Frederick W. Taylor, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. About seventy-five students were present.

Professor Swain said by way of introduction that the average college man has two common faults; he does not wake up to the seriousness of life, nor to opportunities before him, and he takes too narrow a view of the things about him. These readings are designed to overcome these faults to a certain degree.

Dr. Taylor's paper, entitled "A Comparison of University and Industrial Discipline and Methods," was read at the dedication of the new engineering building of the University of Pennsylvania, on Oct. 19, 1906. Dr. Taylor opposes in a strong and convincing manner the elective system and the lax discipline now in vogue in many universities, and shows that the average graduate from such universities is almost invariably unfit for practical work until he has had at least two years' training in the business world. The paper reads in part:

"As to college discipline, it cannot be a good training for after life for a young man deliberately to be told by the university authorities that he can flagrantly neglect his duties sixty times in one term before any attention will be paid to it; while, if in business, the same young man would be discharged for being absent two or three times without permission.

"And, as to the freedom offered by the modern university system it is not true that boys from eighteen to twenty years old have the knowledge and experience necessary to select a logical and well-rounded course of study, and even if they had this wisdom, the temptation to choose those studies which come easiest is so strong that it would be unwise to throw upon them so great a responsibility. Nor does it appear wise to leave each student free to study as little or as much as may suit him, at times doing practically no work for days, and at others greatly overworking, with no restraint nor direction except the round-up which comes twice a year with examinations.

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President Pritchett will be the principal speaker at the thirty-fifth anniversary exercises at the Johns Hopkins University on Feb. 22.

FENCING MEETING.

Weinhagen Appointed Acting Manager. Prospects for Meets.

A meeting of the Fencing Association was held in 22 Rogers Monday afternoon for the purpose of arousing interest in this year's team. Captain Bounetheau, who presided, spoke to the men about the necessary expense of the sport but said that if a sufficient number of candidates should come out this expense could be cut down to some extent. G. Weinhagen, Jr., 1909, was chosen temporary manager of the team.

E. M. Berliner, and S. R. Miller of last year's team spoke of the success of former Tech fencing teams and urged the men to come out and uphold Tech's standard this year. Fencing was first started as a varsity sport at the Institute four years ago, and Tech immediately sprang into prominence among collegiate fencing circles. She had a winning team for two years, in 1904 winning triangular meets with Columbia and Harvard and with Cornell and Harvard.

Last year, however, Technology fell below her usual standard in fencing on account of the loss of two of her star men, and, owing to the opposition of the Army and Navy teams, was refused admittance to the Intercollegiate Fencing Association. It is doubtful whether Tech will be admitted this year, but as she is on good terms with many of the other colleges it is probable that a very satisfactory schedule can be arranged. Capt. Bounetheau has already received requests from the Cornell Fencing Association for a triangular meet with Harvard and Cornell, and from Springfield Training School for a dual meet.

M. Lucien Fournon, who has coached the team since its organization, is one of the best fencing instructors in this part of the country, and with a sufficient number of men to choose from it is almost certain that he will be able to produce a winning team again this year.

HANDICAP CROSS COUNTRY RACE.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, will be held the annual handicap Cross Country Race over the eight mile course at West Roxbury. There are prizes for first and second men besides a time prize. In addition, the four men making the best actual time are entitled to wear the cTc.

Liberal Handicaps are given, the limit being eight minutes. Contestants must be members of the Cross Country Association (membership 50c.); the entry fee is 50c. which includes transportation to and from West Roxbury on the day of the race. Entries close on Friday, Nov. 30, at the Cage at 4.30 P.M.

Train leaves Back Bay Station at 1.52. There will be an easy jog over the course on Saturday, Nov. 24, and every man who intends to run should go over the course.

Michigan Agricultural College has wrestling, a heavyweight and two lightweight bouts, a tug-of-war and a tree rush to settle sophomore-freshman superiority.

PROF. BATES'S BOOK.

"Talks on Teaching Literature," Reviewed by Boston Herald.

Professor Arlo Bates's latest book, "Talks on Teaching Literature," has just been published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co. These talks are addressed to teachers in the field of literature and are the results of an experience extending through many years. They are published with the endeavor of imparting to young people a right notion of the real character of literature, especially English literature. In reviewing the book the *Boston Herald* says:

"Professor Bates's 'talks' are sympathetic and suggestive rather than patronizing and didactic. He has a clear conception of ths difficulties of teaching literature to youth in classes; and he makes no pretence of having conquered them all. He holds that literature is art and that certain apprehension and just comprehension of it, to a degree native in some minds, in others bred by association with cultured people, must in most cases be instilled by patient illustrative labor on the part of the instructor. The requisites for efficiency in such instruction are an appreciative understanding of the state of mind and the powers of the pupils, and a sound judgment on the part of the instructor not only concerning the nature of the lesson he desires to impart, but also concerning the pedagogic methods that are serviceable."

INTERCOLLEGIATE EXCURSION.

The annual New England intercollegiate geological excursion was held on Saturday, November 3, at Meriden, Conn. The Institute was represented by Dr. Loughlin. The excursion was conducted by Professor Gregory, of Yale, and was preceded by a meeting on Friday evening at which the geology of the Meriden region was described. The object of the trip this year was to study the sandstones and interbedded lavas of the Triassic formation, and special attention was given to an important "fault line," on which the displacement amounts to 2,000 feet.

These excursions, organized in 1900 by Yale and Harvard, have met at Holyoke, Worcester, Boston, Salem and Meriden, and have annually brought together representatives from all the NewEngland colleges and many of the Normal schools and high schools, participation being limited to teachers of geology and certain advanced students. The expeditions have done much to improve teaching on the subject and to develop friendly relations between the geological departments of the different institutions.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.

The 627th meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in 22 Walker on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 8 P.M. Dr. George A. Soper of New York will address the Society on "Investigations of Air in the New York Subway." The lecture will be illustrated with lantern slides. All interested in the subject are invited to attend.

CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

8.00 P.M. American Institute of Electrical Engineers Meet in 6 Lowell.
8.00 P.M. Chemical Society Meeting at the Union.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

1.30 P.M. Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall.
4.00 P.M. Architectural Society Meeting in 42 Pierce.
4.00 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal at the Union.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23.

4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Union.
7.30 P.M. Civic Club Meeting at the Union.
8.00 P.M. Society of Arts Meeting in 22 Walker.

FACULTY NOTICES.

Fourth Year.—Hydraulics 331 and 340. The exercises in Hydraulics will begin Wednesday, Nov. 21. The sections will meet according to the tabular view and the following room assignments:

Section	*Day*	*Room*
II Options 1, 2	Mon.	53 Eng. A
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	Sat.	49 Eng. A
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X and XIII	Tues.	32 Eng. C
	Fri.	30 Eng. C
XIII A	Fri. and Sat.	30 Eng. C

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NOTICES.

Round Table.—Meeting today at 4.15 P.M. in 22 Rogers.

1908 Prom Committee. — All nominations for the 1908 Prom Committee must be in by Saturday at 1 P.M. Nominations must be signed by ten men.

Senior Portfolio.—Nominations will be received at the Cage until Saturday, Nov. 24, at 1 o'clock. Five men are to be elected.

Programs. — A few copies of the Field Day Souvenir Program are on sale at the Cage. Send one home. Price only 5c.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting. — The Rev. Alexander Mann, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, will address the Technology Christian Association on Thursday, Nov. 22, at 1.30 P.M. Dr. Mann preached the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class of 1906.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers.— A meeting of the Local Branch of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers will be held in 6 Lowell, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 21, at eight o'clock. Everett W. Burdett, Esq., will deliver an address on "Public or Private Ownership and Operation of Public Utility Enterprises — Which is preferable?" to be followed by a discussion. A cordial invitation to attend is exended to all students interested.

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Wednesday, November 21, 1906.

The TECH announces the appointment of Mr. H. W. Hoole, '08, to the News Staff.

Field Day is over, and with it the attendant expense of energy in developing the teams and in upholding the prestige of each of the lower classes in the night rushes. Both of the rival classes have every reason to congratulate themselves on the creditable outcome of the season. 1909 has for the last time upheld its honor against a rival in Field Day, but the Freshmen have another year ahead in which to profit by experience.

End of Class Rivalry

The sentiment which is behind class rivalry is as old as human nature itself, and there is no possibility that it ever will be eradicated. It has been fostered for centuries in all the higher institutions of learning in the United States, and at the present time regulated rivalry is not only permitted but endorsed by leading educators. In our own case, what would the Freshmen do without the Field Day rivalry to awaken their fighting blood, and how could they as soon become united without its stimulus? What, without it, would the Sophomores do to uphold their dignity in the eyes of the new men?

Tech Night, the evening after Field Day, is the period which has traditionally been set to activity in this line. From now on, every one must settle down into his regular groove. However trite it may be at this season to preach application to work, it all the same behooves us all to hit the ground hard. We have been satiated with athletics, at least for Technology men, and it is time for the reaction. At least from work we shall have a clear conscience, even at the expense of a dyspeptic physique.

TECH SHOW KOMMERS.

The Kommers Saturday evening is to be given under the auspices of Tech Show, for the purpose of getting new men acquainted with the purpose of the Show. The Kommers is open to everyone who desires to be present. The Faculty and Instructing Staff have been invited to be present and Dr Pritchett, Dean Burton, Prof. Wendell, and Bursar Rand have consented to speak. A number of "students" from past Shows will be present, and next year's Show will be talked about. The tickets are 50 cents and can be secured from the following men: R. W. Parlin, A. Macomber, K. Vonnegut, C. W. Coffin, James McGowan, E. A. Hunt, J. M. McMillian, A. Allen, and at the Bursar's office.

YALE-HARVARD PROSPECTS.

The Yale football coaches went into conference Monday as a "board of strategy" to plan the attack on Harvard next Saturday. Reports received from those who saw the Harvard-Dartmouth game have not caused any alarm at Yale, although it is realized that Harvard will be a much stronger and craftier foe against Yale than against Dartmouth.

The whole Yale team, with the exception of Erwin, right guard, and Forbes, left end, remained at Hastings-on-the-Hudson until last night. The men are taking a rest and will have only one hard practise this week. Beyond saying that "Roome will be turned loose on Harvard in the second half, if not earlier," the Yale coaches will not alter the personnel of the team of last Saturday.

The Harvard squad had light work Monday, Burr, Kerberg, Osburn, Wendell, and Orr, taking a vacation. Yesterday the practice was light again, but today in the last practise in Cambridge, the work will be stiffened up. The college men are to be admitted to the practice, and will give the team a good send-off before the big game.

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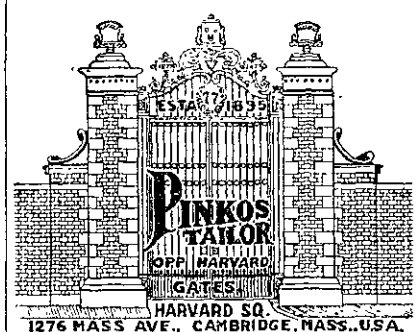

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Forwards, Kinnear, Bitler, Hargraves, Merrill, Fernstrom. Guards, Wentworth, Belcher, Nichols, Ford. Centers, Pierce, Gregory.

As a result of the rigid investigation last year, it is said that there is no hazing at the Naval Academy this year. The plebes are keeping the old "rates" entirely of their own accord. They do not walk in "Lover's Lane" or do any of the other things which encroach upon upper class privileges. They are not doing this under compulsion, but simply because they believe it is better to follow the old customs.

Nevada University has adopted Rugby football.

The announcement in regard to my office hours was incorrectly stated in THE TECH Monday.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday I shall be in room 11, Rogers from 1 to 2; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 to 12. I arranged for the above hours on Monday, Wednesday and Friday so that any students who need to see me will be able to do so.

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A twelve-mile cross country Marathon race is to be held at Cornell, the winner to receive a cup worth $1,500.

HOLLIS STREET THEATRE

College boys have taken up "Peter Pan" as a fad and the Hollis Street Theatre contains large parties from Tech, Harvard, and other institutions at every representative of the Barrie play given by Maude Adams and her company.

COLONIAL THEATRE

"The Belle of Mayfair" seems to hit the American taste in as substantial a fashion as it did the British, and Boston's verdict is as expletive as that of London. It is a lively musical comedy interpreted by clever comediennes and a legion of pretty girls, and it is not a bit strange that the seats in the front row are all taken at the Colonial Theatre. Next week will be the last chance to see Christie MacDonald, Irene Bentley, Bessie Clayton and all the other favorites.

PARK THEATRE

Lawrance D'Orsay will be the next star to come to the Park Theatre, and on Monday he will be seen there in "The Embassy Ball," which many consider to be Augustus Thomas' brightest comedy. It has proved a worthy successor to "The Earl of Pawtucket," and shows this polished comedienne from London to special advantage. Daniel Frohman has given him a strong company, and the production will be in every sense as effective as it was in New York.

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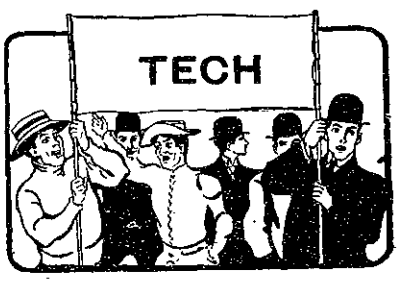

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